

## Message Text

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TAGS: ETRD, TU

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY FOR HEARING ON "BUY AMERICA" BILL

REF: STATE 061254

1. TURKEY APPLIES STRICT CONTROLS ON IMPORTS BY ISSUING  
LISTS OF IMPORTABLE COMMODITIES EVERY YEAR AS PART OF ITS  
FOREIGN TRADE REGIME. AN ADDITIONAL MEASURE REGARDING  
IMPORTATION OF CERTAIN FINISHED GOODS REQUIRES THE IMPORTER,  
WHETHER PRIVATE OR GOVERNMENT, TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION FROM THE  
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY THAT THE ITEM TO BE IMPORTED IS NOT  
MANUFACTURED LOCALLY. IF SUCH AN ITEM IS MANUFACTURED LOCALLY  
AT THE REQUIRED SPECIFICATIONS, IT CAN ONLY BE IMPORTED IF  
IT IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A PROJECT.

2. DUE TO THE CURRENT ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRISIS IN TURKEY,  
PARTICULARLY THE SEVERE SHORTAGE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE, THE  
GOVERNMENT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY VIGOROUS REGARDING THE  
CONTROL OF IMPORTS. THIS IS EQUALLY TRUE FOR BOTH GOVERNMENT  
AND PRIVATE SECTOR IMPORTS.

3. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE MILITARY SECTOR, THE BIGGEST  
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IMPORT BY TURKISH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES FROM THE U.S. IS  
MINING AND HEAVY CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT. AN AVERAGE OF \$60  
MILLION HAS BEEN SPENT ANNUALLY IN RECENT YEARS ON SUCH  
PURCHASES, DEPENDING ON THE AVAILABILITY OF U.S. LOANS MOSTLY  
IN THE FORM OF EXIM BANK PROJECT CREDITS.  
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